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APPENDIX A

Applicants have amended claims 24 and 39 as follows:

24. (Amended) The invention of claim 22 wherein said absorbent element is fixedly connected to said chassis at said first location with a primary bond, and wherein said first portion of said absorbent [material] element is detachably connected to at least one of said second portion of said absorbent element and said chassis at said second location with a secondary bond, wherein said secondary bond is weaker than said primary bond.

39. (Amended) The invention of claim 32 wherein said absorbent element further comprises a cover sheet, wherein said cover sheet is bonded to said chassis with said primary bond at said primary bond region, and wherein said cover sheet comprises said first and second portions of said absorbent element, wherein said first portion of said cover sheet is bonded to said chassis with said secondary bond at said secondary bond region.